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2010 Annual Pulse Crops Summary and Table
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Montana's dry bean growers produced 359,000 cwt in 2010, up 48 percent from last year. Producers planted 18,800 acres of beans this year, 6,900 acres more than last year. Growers harvested 17,700 acres, which averaged a yield of 2,030 lbs per acre, compared with last year's 11,500 acres harvested and the average yield of 2,100 lbs per acre. Pinto bean production in 2010 was 275,000 cwt, which is 23 percent above last year. Planted acreage was 12,500, up 2,900 acres from last year. Harvested acreage, at 11,800 acres, is 2,600 acres above the previous year. The yield was 2,330 lbs per acre, which is 110 pounds per acre less than last year. All garbanzo bean production, at 84,000 cwt, compares to 18,000 cwt in 2009. Planted acreage was 6,300 acres, up from 2,300 planted acres last year. Harvested area was 5,900 acres, compared with 2,300 acres last year. The yield was 1,420 pounds per acre, up from last year's 780 pounds per acre.

Dry edible pea production for 2010 in Montana was 4.1 million cwt, up 38 percent from a year ago. Dry pea yield for 2010 was 20.0 cwt per acre, compared with 13.3 cwt in 2009. Planted and harvested acreages were 220,000 and 207,000 acres, respectively, for 2010. Last year, growers planted 240,000 acres and harvested 226,000 acres of dry peas. Austrian winter pea production in 2010 was 110,000 cwt, up from last year's 56,000 cwt. Planted acreage was 16,000 acres, 6,000 acres above a year ago. Harvested acreage, at 7,000, was up 1,000 acres from 2009. The yield was 15.7 cwt per acre in 2010, compared with 9.3 cwt a year ago.

Montana's 2010 lentil production was 3.4 million cwt, compared to 1.6 million cwt from a year ago. Planted area was 260,000 acres breaking the record high of 150,000 acres set in 2005 acres, with harvested acres at 247,000 acres breaking the record high of 146,000 acres set in 2005. Last year, the planted and harvested acres were 122,000 and 116,000 acres, respectively. Lentil yield for 2010 was 13.6 cwt per acre, down from the 13.8 cwt per acre a year ago.

United States dry edible bean production is estimated at 31.3 million cwt for 2010, up 23 percent from 2009. Planted area is estimated at 1.91 million acres, up 23 percent from last year. Harvested area is estimated at 1.83 million acres, 25 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is estimated at 1,706 pounds per acre, a decrease of 31 pounds from 2009.

United States dry edible pea production is estimated at 14.2 million cwt, down 17 percent from the 2009 estimate. Area for harvest, at 711,400 acres, is 15 percent below a year ago. Average yield is estimated at 1,999 pounds per acre, down 46 pounds from last season. United States Austrian winter pea production is estimated at 237,000 cwt, up 30 percent from 2009. Area harvested is estimated at 17,900 acres, up 31 percent from last year. Average yield is expected to be 1,666 pounds per acre, up 338 pounds per acre from last season.

Lentils production in the United States is estimated at 8.66 million cwt, up 48 percent from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 634,000 acres, up 56 percent from the previous year. Average yield is expected to be 1,365 pounds per acre, down 75 pounds per acre from 2009. If realized, these would be the largest planted, harvested, and production levels since records began in 1986.

2010 Annual Pulse Crop Summary

Crop	Montana							US Production (000) Cwt
	Year	Planted (000) Acres	Harvested (000) Acres	Yield Cwt/Acre	Production (000) Cwt	Season Avg. Price Dollars	Value of Production (000) Dollars	
All Dry Beans	2008	11.2	9.8	19.5	191	**\$33.50	\$6,399	25,558
	2009	11.9	11.5	21.0	242	\$28.60	\$6,921	25,427
	2010	18.8	17.7	20.3	359	\$26.70	\$9,585	31,801
Pinto Beans	2008	8.6	7.2	24.2	174	--	--	10,257
	2009	9.6	9.2	**24.4	224	--	--	10,914
	2010	12.5	11.8	23.3	275	--	--	13,814
All Garbanzo Beans	2008	2.6	2.6	*6.5	*17	--	--	1,118
	2009	2.3	2.3	7.8	18	--	--	1,444
	2010	6.3	5.9	14.2	84	--	--	1,939
Lentils	2008	83.0	79.0	7.7	608	**\$34.90	\$21,219	2,393
	2009	122.0	116.0	13.8	1,601	\$27.20	\$43,547	5,844
	2010	**260.0	**247.0	13.6	**3,359	\$23.10	**\$77,593	8,657
Dry Peas	2008	**245.0	**231.0	10.8	2,495	**\$14.50	\$36,178	12,270
	2009	240.0	226.0	13.3	3,006	\$8.46	\$25,431	17,137
	2010	220.0	207.0	20.0	**4,140	\$7.93	\$32,830	14,221
Austrian Winter Peas	2008	10.0	3.0	9.6	29	\$21.70	\$629	104
	2009	10.0	6.0	9.3	56	**\$21.70	\$1,211	182
	2010	16.0	7.0	**15.7	110	\$17.00	**\$1,870	237

--Not Available *Record Low **Record High